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No sign of fisherman missing at barge canal in West Sacto

There's still no trace of a 38-year old North Highlands man who disappeared Jan. 18 while on a fishing trip at the Port of Sacramento.

Early that morning, police and fire personnel searched for Christopher Misener after Misener's truck, trailer and its attached boat were found backed into the water and partly submerged. Misener had told his girlfriend by cell phone the night before that he was planning on fishing at the port.

Misener's wallet, keys and other items were found in the truck. Searchers and divers found no trace of him at the time, and a police spokesperson said Monday there were no new developments in the case.

Woman sentenced for theft

A 40-year old Sacramento woman has been convicted of stealing from an elderly, disabled West Sacramento man, said the Yolo County District Attorney's office.

According to the D.A.'s office, Bertha Gene Perry has admitted she took money from the 83-year old man, but unsuccessfully argued that the man owed it to her. Judge Donna Petre granted Perry three years of informal probation with jail time and ordered her to pay restitution.

The charge was misdemeanor grand theft.

'Missing' woman safe & sound

A 19-year old West Sacramento woman reported missing Jan. 31 has turned up safe with friends in San Francisco, said a West Sacramento Police Department police spokesperson on Monday.

The Madrone Avenue woman was reported missing by a family member who said she had gone to Sacramento on Jan. 30 for a job interview, but never arrived there. Photos and information about the missing woman and her vehicle were circulated to law enforcement personnel and the media.

This week in local government

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet tonight in public session at 7 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items will include acceptance of Broderick Boat Launching Facility Improvements; design contract for park at Newport Estates and River Ranch subdivisions; award for sewer line improvements near Park Blvd., Alabama Ave. and West Capitol; acceptance of right-of-way at 5th Street; changes to nuisance abatement procedures; and resolution of intent to vacate Woodside Drive and acceptance of right-of-way at Fountain Drive in Lighthouse.

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Go ahead -- 'adopt' a school



George Cleveland has been a local classroom volunteer since last school year. He comes in for an hour once a week to work with students in a variety of ways, including helping them with their math skills and other one-on-one activities. When George comes in to volunteer, every student is raising his or her hand to ask for an opportunity to work with him.

If you would like to volunteer with the Adopt-A-School program, which is sponsored by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, please call Charyl Silva at 372-8383.

'Q & A' on Measure Q

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

With West Sacramento's Washington Unified School District having recently reached an agreement to buy 54 acres of local land near Jefferson Boulevard and Linden Road for a proposed new high school site, and with the district also sponsoring "Measure Q" (which will ask local voters in March to stand behind $52 million in bonds to help pay for the construction of a new high school), the *News-Ledger* requested an interview with WUSD Board of Education President Irene Eklund to discuss the matter. Below are the questions asked Mrs. Eklund -- and her answers:



Evelyn 'Irene' Eklund
President
WUSD School Board

News-Ledger: So, why did the school board choose the Jefferson Boulevard/Linden Road site for the construction of a new high school as opposed to some other site?

Eklund: Well, after ten years of the school board studying every available site within the city limits of West Sacramento, and after three different community committees also studied the issue is great detail, the consensus was that the Jefferson/Linden site was where the new high school belonged. It is geographically centrally located and it is the only site that has enough acreage to build the kind of high school we think will work best for the students of West Sacramento.

News-Ledger: But isn't $200,000 an acre a lot of money to pay for a school site? Why didn't you just locate the school another mile or so down Jefferson Boulevard, where there's lots of available space and where the land would be much cheaper?

Eklund: Developers also wanted the land at the Jefferson/Linden sight and had made a bid on it. We had to match that number. Plus if we went further south on Jefferson Boulevard, there would be no utilities, no sewer, no water, the buses would have to travel farther, and I'm not sure that in the end there would have been any savings.

News-Ledger: What about land that the Port of Sacramento owns? Was that ever seriously considered?

Eklund: That was actually our second choice. But that land is not cheap, either. There are assessments on that property, like the Palamidessi Bridge. The fact of the matter is that land in West Sacramento that is geographically centrally located is no longer inexpensive.

News-Ledger: What do you say to those citizens who are concerned that if you put a new high school on the Jefferson/Linden site, you are asking for a traffic nightmare?

Eklund: Actually, if we hadn't purchased the land for a new school, it would have ended up being developed with multiple housing anyway -- and we're talking about two cars to each structure -- so I doubt that the traffic in that area would have been much different one way or the other. What we as a school district can do, however, is rearrange the times classes start and end to make sure that our students and buses are not coming and going during peek commuting hours.

News-Ledger: What about those who are concerned that a proper EIR (Environmental Impact Report) hasn't been done on that site?

Eklund: That's a misconception. There was an EIR done on that property back in 1991 when it was designated as a possible high school site in the Southport Framework Plan. Plus we are doing another one on top of that to make sure we fully understand all the impacts created by such things as traffic flow, air quality, sound, etc., and we really don't envision any problems.

News-Ledger: Turning to the actual high school itself, almost all the literature on the subject says large high schools are not the way to go, that smaller, more intimate schools are better for kids. So why are you going to build a high school that is designed to one day house 3,000 students?

Eklund: With the help of a $100,000 Gates Foundation grant, we are currently studying how to implement what they call 'schools within a school'. For instance, a San Diego high school we visited had five schools -- or academies -- within their high school, which gave students a chance to study such things as the construction trades, electronics and technology, music, etc., along with their core subjects. They spend their days with the same teachers and with fellow students who are interested in the same subjects. I agree that a big high school can be too impersonal and we are working hard to better understand how to avoid that. We will be holding community workshops on this subject which will feature speakers who have successfully implemented the 'schools within a school' concept and we're very excited about it.

News-Ledger: But why didn't the school district just build a smaller, less expensive second high school in addition to River City?

Eklund: Even a small high school is expensive to build these days. Plus we would have had two of everything in terms of areas that students share, like gymnasiums, locker rooms, cafeterias, libraries, etc., and that would not have been cost effective. Plus I don't think any of us in this community want to go back to the days when West Sacramento had two high schools and when James Marshall High School (now River City) and Washington High School (now Golden State Middle School) were so competitive. I remember all the fights and the bad blood between the two student bodies and that's not a road we need to go down again.

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Veterans' hall to welcome area company back from Afghanistan

By Savino Sanchez
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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The doors to West Sacramento's veterans hall at 905 Drever Street will swing wide open on April 24th to receive a whole company of area soldiers returning from a year's duty in Afghanistan.

About 70 men and women of the 304th Psychological Operations Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit based in Sacramento, will be feted to a nice dinner, entertainment with D.J. music, praised with speeches and presented with civic proclamations. The event will not be open to the public because of space limitations.

The unit, which was "adopted" by the West Sacramento VFW Post 8762 Ladies Auxiliary last year, first established ties when it sent word out that it was collecting school supplies for needy Afghanistan children.

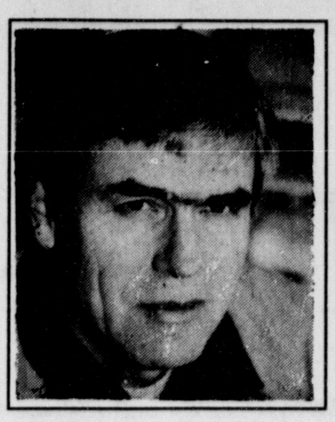
The Ladies Auxiliary immediately went to work, collecting pencils, writing paper, tablets, erasers, sharpeners and other classroom materials. Several hundred pounds were acquired and shipped to the unit. And, for being so considerate of children, the ladies group sent the soldiers personal toilet articles and homemade cookies for Christmas.

Spearheading the drive to provide a welcome home party is local community activist Floy Gleason, who has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary since its founding in 1946. "We wanted to show them someone cared for what they were doing to defend our great

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Does the man in your life have a feminine side?

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

A friend was lecturing me the other day on the need in this country for more men to let their feminine side show.

"How are we supposed to do that?" I asked her, not exactly sure what she meant. "Can you give me a few examples?"

"Oh, I'm not talking about you, silly," she said with a not so very reassuring pat on the shoulder. "You're plenty feminine!"

Later that evening, as I sat by myself in my backyard watching the sun go down, her somewhat alarming words kept banging around in my head. I even began to worry that maybe I'm not the truly authentic American male I've always imagined myself to be. And the more I thought about it, the more I had to admit to myself that I had never really been very good at 'guy stuff'.

For example, I have always hated, with a passion, working on cars. Over the years, I have reluctantly learned how to pump my own gas and where to pour the water and oil in (the water goes in the bigger hole), but the thought of spending hour after hour up to my elbows in grease and auto parts has never really been very appealing to me.

I also dislike fishing (this probably goes back to a long ago Dillon Beach weekend I spent with a fraternity brother catching a couple of hundred perch only to find out that they all had to be hauled up over a high cliff and cleaned). Plus I guess I just have never quite understood the attraction of sitting around quietly for hours in an uncomfortable boat or on a hot, dusty river bank pitting one's mentality against that of a fish.

Hunting is even worse than fishing. The one time I went was plenty for me. There were -- and this is no exaggeration -- crazed people in orange jackets everywhere with powerful rifles in their hands shooting at absolutely anything and everything that moved. Plus, after having spent a year strolling around in the jungles of Vietnam trying to avoid ambushes, I have developed this deep empathy for the hunted.

I also don't particularly like camping. The thrill of going without a shower for three or four days and sleeping on the hard ground basically lost all of its appeal to me while I was overseas. Plus my most vivid memory of going camping is not a very pleasant one. When I was about ten, my dad drove the whole family up to Sly Park for a wonderful weekend in the great outdoors, only to discover that he had forgotten to bring the tent poles. I did, however, manage to learn a whole lot of new cuss words that weekend.

I'm afraid I've never much liked drinking beer, either. Not only do I not particularly enjoy the taste of it, but every time I look at a can of the stuff, I end up thinking back to an all-night Colt 45 party I once attended at my fraternity house where, during the course of the evening, I think I died and went to heaven about a half-dozen times.

I'm also horrible at fixing things around the house. I can replace light bulbs and little things like that, but anything more complicated is completely out of the question. In fact, when my daughter recently broke up with her boyfriend (who is quite a handyman), my first sympathetic words to her were, "Now who's going to fix things around here?"

Worst of all, I have never really enjoyed hanging out with the guys. In fact, I can't think of anything more boring that spending a whole night in the company of only men. That probably goes back to this bowling league I once belonged to where every other frame was a beer frame and the conversation revolved around cars, fishing, hunting, camping, and dirty knock-knock jokes. Plus everybody got so smashed that the bowling balls became lethal weapons.

"How come you look so depressed this evening?" suddenly asked my wife as she stepped out into the backyard and sat down in the chaise lounge next to me.

"Oh, I've just been thinking about something. And I've got a question for you."

"What kind of question?"

"Well, would you say that I have a slightly exaggerated feminine side?"

"What?" she asked, smiling.

"I'm serious. I guess you probably don't think of me as a man's man, do you?"

"Oh, I'm afraid you're all man, alright," she said with an even bigger smile.

"Is that right?" I said, sitting up a little straighter in my chair and sticking my chest out.

"Yep," she said, "no doubt about it. You're one hundred percent male."

"Could you be a little more specific?" I asked, hoping to hear her say that I was a great lover, or maybe that my walk reeks of masculinity.

"Well, for one thing, you can't balance a checkbook. Why is it that men can't add up a few simple numbers and balance a check book? And like most men, you would quickly die of starvation if you didn't have some poor woman to cook for you. Plus you're incapable of buying, washing, or ironing your own clothes, you go ballistic if someone misplaces the TV clicker, all the kids have you wrapped around their little fingers, and you never want to get up out of that rocking chair of yours and do anything fun. And while I'm on the subject, you also...."

"Thanks," I quickly interrupted her, "I just needed to be reassured."

Joke of the week: A funeral service was held for a woman who had just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers were carrying the casket out when they accidentally bumped into a wall, jarring the casket. They heard a faint moan, quickly opened the casket, and found that the woman was still alive. She lived for another ten full years before finally dying. Once again, a service was held, and at the end of it, as the pallbearers were carrying out the casket, her husband cried out, "Watch that wall!"

Obituaries



Robert Domasky

Longtime West Sacramento resident Robert Domasky passed away peacefully on February 2, 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Lillian Domasky; the loving father of John (Beverly) Domasky, Paulette Domasky-Lyman, and Thomas (Stacey) Domasky; the devoted grandfather of Tanya (Kurt) Johnson, Christie, Robert, Dara, Taryn, and Scott; and the great grandfather of Cameron and Louis. He was preceded in death by his sister, Marion Dukes.

Bob was the son of Russian immigrants who arrived in the United States in the 1920's. He attended local schools before joining the United States Marines, where he served his country with honor and valor during World War Two. He was wounded in action twice, once during the Battle of Tarawa, and again during the Battle of Eniwetoh, where he received a serious head wound. His unit saw some of the fiercest fighting of World War Two and he was always proud of having been a Marine.

After Bob had returned from the war and recovered from his wounds, he married Lillian Perini in 1946. They resided in Broderick before moving their growing family to their present home in West Sacramento in 1952.

Bob worked as a gas serviceman for Pacific Gas & Electric for 38 years and after his retirement he donated 25 years of his time and energy to "Toys for Tots". He was also one of the early founders of the West Sacramento Little League.

Bob loved to fish, especially for trout, and he also greatly enjoyed the many years he and Lillian spent traveling in their motor home. He was devoted to his family and over the years was like a second father to many of his children's friends. He was an extremely honest, gentle giant of a man and he will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Friends are invited to attend Funeral Services on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street in West Sacramento. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sacramento. Memorials are preferred to "Toys for Tots".

Cleda Pearl Howe

Cleda Howe passed away in Davis on January 31, 2003 at the age of 88. She was born on October 3, 1915 in Downing, Missouri to Willard and Matilda Goosey. She married Russell Ross in 1933 and to this union four children were born. She was employed by the International Shoe Factory in Kirksville, Missouri until her marriage to Dale Howe in 1959. In 1960, Cleda and Dale moved to West Sacramento where she enjoyed 17 years of employment at the Club Pheasant Restaurant until her retirement.

Cleda is survived by children Rex Ross and wife Judy of LaPlata, MO, Judy Bono of Benton, AR, Donald Howe and wife Debby of Edina, MO, Peggy Howe and husband Harold Mosik of Layton, UT, Virgil Howe and wife Toni of West Sacramento, ten grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, nine great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by husband, Dale, sister Lois Fincher, brothers Ivan and Willis Goosey, son Ronald Ross, daughter Joann Roush, grandson Tracy Bono and son-in-law Bill "Sonny" Bono.

Friends are invited to attend Memorial Services on February 6, 2004 at 1 p.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel.

Raymond M. Sanchez

Raymond Sanchez passed away in Stockton on February 1, 2004. He was the beloved brother of Mary, Ascencion, Pedro, Frank and Jose Sanchez; the loving brother-in-law to Irma, Maria, Patsy and Bobbie. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Maria Sanchez, sister Lupe Casteneda, and three brothers, Jesse, Manuel and Anthony Sanchez.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be offered February 6, 2004 at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Church,

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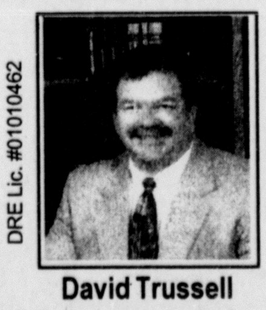
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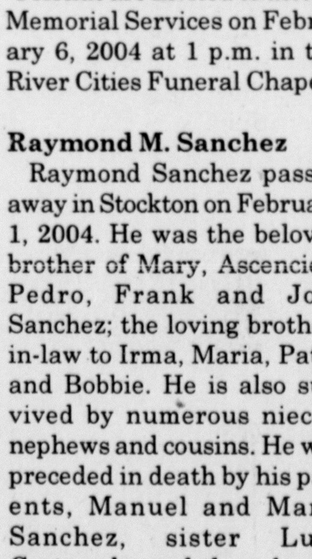
YES! However, an explanation is needed. First, let me say that there are more and more loans available to borrowers these days. It seems that during every economic cycle there is a "New and Improved" loan for consumers. Fixed rate loans are still at a 30-year low, and there are limited factors to suggest that rates will be going up any time soon -- or down, for that matter. But with home values increasing so much, and incomes still staying basically the same, the lending world had to find a vehicle by which people can still afford homes and make their payments, too. Remember: the lower the interest rate, the more buying power you have with the same payment.

It is important to remember that other than a true "fixed" rate loan, almost all other types of loans are a variation of an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM). They may come in the form of a fixed option for a period of years; which then becomes adjustable. They could come in the form of an "options" type of loan, whereby you have the option to make a minimum payment, a 30- or 15-year payment, or even an interest-only payment.

These types of loan are the new "fad" in the lending arena, but there needs to be some examination first. Interest-only loans are just that, but what is the interest? Is it a fixed rate, or an adjustable interest rate? What is the term? Is there any sort of prepayment penalty clause? There are also some other factors that you must consider: with an interest-only mortgage, there will never be any principle reduction, unless you make additional payments. Also with lower interest rates, there will be less tax deductions at the end of the year. So before you jump into this new "Fad" of loans, let's look carefully and together we can mold a loan around your specific needs.

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Super Bowl XXXVIII

The New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers thrilled an estimated TV audience of 89 million with probably the most exciting Super Bowl game in NFL history. The Pats ended up kicking the winning field goal with only 4 seconds remaining to beat the Cats 32-29 After missing to two short field goals, Adam Vinatieri booted a 41-yard field goal to crown the Patriots with their second NFL world championship in three years.

It was an outstanding game to watch and if not for a horrible kickoff by Carolina's kicker, John Kasay we would have witnessed the first overtime game in Super Bowl history. The game started out with goose eggs for both teams in the first quarter but as soon as these guys got warmed up the teams turned the game into a shootout at the OK corral.

The Pats quarterback and game MVP, Tom Brady and the Cats QB, Jake "the Snake" Delhomme combined for 677 yards passing and six touchdowns. I still find it hard to believe that Brady could fade back to pass 48 times and not get sacked! The two teams did set a new Super Bowl record for 20 penalties in the big game.

The scary part about the Patriots winning the big game and their 15th straight game this year is that the Red, White and Blue have two picks in first and second round and seven overall picks before the fifth round of the NFL draft in April. It's time to go out and buy a new Patriots jersey!

Even the halftime show had its exciting moments with super stars singing, dancing, grabbing and flashing! Next year's Super Bowl will be in Jacksonville, Florida on February 6, 2005 but don't expect Janet Jackson or MTV to be invited to perform.

The last NFL football game of year will be the Pro Bowl in Hawaii on Sunday, February 8th. But don't get too excited because most of the players that were voted to perform in this little more than a touch football game have either canceled because of injury or will be staying home to watch the rerun of the Super Bowl halftime show. NFL camps open up in July!

Major League Baseball

It's that time of year again as the Florida Marlins prepare to defend their 2003 World Series Championship! Spring training is just a few weeks away and the Giants and A's are scrambling to fill huge gaps in their roster.

The Giants need a closer big time with Robb Nen still on the mend and a couple of starting pitchers to fill in after a few bad trades last year. The A's signed veteran first base, Eric Karros, who lost his job with the Cubs. Karros, the ex-Dodger, who earned over $8 million last year, signed with the A's for $1 million plus a performance bonus. Now that's how players should be paid not like Alex Rodriquez who will earn about $25 million for the last place Rangers.

The Oakland A's will begin selling individual game tickets for the 2004 season at 9 a.m. this Saturday so call ticket master or visit the Oakland Coliseum.

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (33-12) returned from their six-game 12-day journey with an impressive 4 wins and 2 losses. After beating the Cavs the Kings lost two in row to Memphis and Dallas but bounced back to whip the Rockets, Spurs and Sonics.

The Kings' lead over the shorthanded Lakers (28-17) is now up to 5 games. The Shaqless Lakers lost again on Monday after being forced to play without their suspended center. Shaq was suspended for one game without pay ($295,000) for a verbal outburst on live TV on Sunday. Kobe and the Mailman are still out with injuries.

Coach Adelman, who was named Western Conference Coach of the Month for January after the Kings posted a 12-4 record, has been hinting that Chris Webber may return to action after the February 15th All-Star in Los Angeles Expect to see Peja and Brad Miller named to the Western Division All-Star team.

The Kings will host Seattle on Tuesday night (7 p.m.) then enjoy to two days off before San Antonio (32-18) invades the Arco on Friday (7:30-ESPN/Ch.10) for revenge. The Denver Nuggets (29-21) and their rookie sensation Carmelo Anthony will be in town on Sunday (4 p.m.-ch.10) afternoon.

See ya next week!

Two-for-three for RCHS hoops

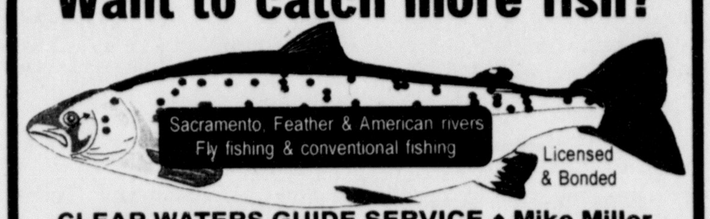
By Troy Turner

The River City Raiders are having a wonderful season thus far. They have won 13 games with five left to go in the regular season and they are getting ready for the playoffs. If River City does not self-destruct, they will have a great seeding position, which will allow them to play at home in the first round.

The low point came when River City suffered their worst defeat this season, losing to the Center Cougars 89-60. The Raiders came out flat as the Cougars jumped out to a 9-0 lead. By the end of the first quarter, Center led 24-9.

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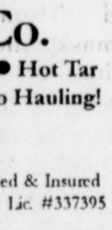
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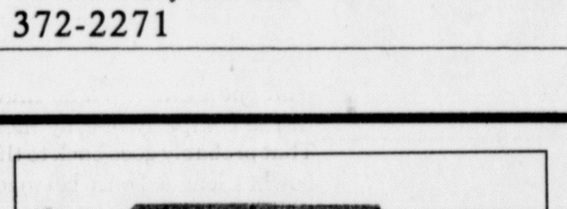
Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

1. Oakland's Miguel Tejada in 2003 became the third player since Cal Ripken's consecutive-game streak began in 1982 to play in more than 500 consecutive games. Who were the first two players?
2. Who was the first Mexican starting pitcher-catcher battery in major-league history?
3. In the past five years (1999-2003), how many Division I college football players have won both the Heisman Trophy and the Walter Camp Player of the Year award in the same season?
4. Name the first NBA team to rally from a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series.
5. Who were the last two NHL expansion teams?
6. Two drivers have won NASCAR's Southern 500 five times each. Who are they?
7. Who was the winner in men's singles at the 2003 French Open?

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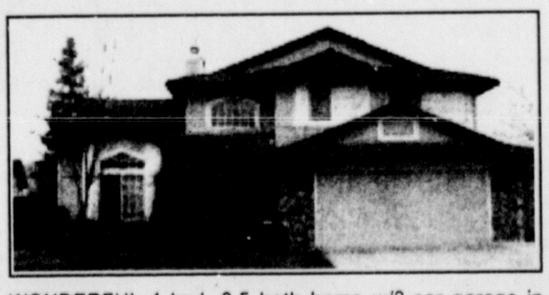
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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sac region

Daughters of the American Revolution awards

The awards ceremony for the winners of the American History Essay Contest, 2004, sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on February 9th at the Northminister Presbyterian Church Hall, 3235 Pope Avenue in Carmichael. This year's topic is "The Louisiana Purchase -- Thomas Jefferson's Legacy." For more information and the names of the winners, call Kathleen Miller at 488-7553.

Genealogy society meets

The next meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society will be held on February 24th at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Lusk Drive at St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. There will be a presentation entitled "Research Strategies for German Research." For information, call 782-5704.

Japanese food festival

Sacramento's Buddhist Church Women's Association and Adult Buddhist Association will hold their Annual Spring Japanese Food Festival on March 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard in Sacramento. Chicken teriyaki, maki sushi, beef teriyaki sandwiches and much more will be available. For more information, call 446-0121.

Log home expo

The Log Home and Timber Frame Expo will be held in Sacramento at Cal Expo on February 20-22. It will showcase energy-efficient designs and fine craftsmanship. For more information, log on to www.logexpo.com.

Light opera

The Light Opera Theatre of Sacramento will present "The Mikado", Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular light opera, February 13 through March 7 at the 24th Street Theater, 2791 24th Street in Sacramento. For ticket information call 978-5800.

Spay-Neuter Day

Twenty locations around the region will spay and neuter area animals for $15 each on Sunday, February 22nd. To sign up for an appointment call (916) 808-SPAY (7729). Volunteer appointment schedulers will call back to obtain necessary information. Deadline to register is February 13.

Quilt show

The Folsom Quilt and Fiber Guild will hold their 19th annual quilt and fiber show on February 6-8 at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street in Folsom. The show will feature quilts ranging in size from miniature to king, plus needlework, dolls and wearable art. Cost is $5. For more information on the show or the guild, call 322-5030.

Banjo-Rama

The Sacramento Banjo Band is holding its annual Banjo-Rama on February 29th from 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael. This will be an afternoon filled with fun and exceptional musical entertainment featuring outstanding national banjo soloists and banjo bands. The general public is invited and a $12 donation is requested. The proceeds from the event will go to the Shiners Hospitals for Children. Call 383-0108 for more information.

Camellia show

The Camellia Society of Sacramento's 80th Annual Show will be held March 6-7 at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 1515 "J" Street. In addition to the approximately 5,000 Camellia blooms on display there will be competitive flower arrangements featuring Camellias. Admission is free.

Stone Lakes refuge open

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be open on February 14th and 28th. Enjoy a self-guided hike to the wildlife's viewing platform where you'll go through grasslands and then along a riparian corridor bordering seasonal wetlands.

To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. For more information, call 775-4420.

Fairytale Town events

The following events are scheduled at Fairytale Town, located in Sacramento's William Land Park at 3901 Land Park Drive:

Museum Day, on February 7th from 10 am to 3 pm, when all guests will enjoy free admission.

Black History Month Celebration, on February 21-22, which will include a History Talks Museum, crafting Unity Wreaths, and weaving African bookmarks.

For more information on any of these events, call 264-5233 or go to www.fairytaletown.org.

Storytellers event

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will hold a free performance on February 12th from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hart Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. The theme will be "Up With Love or Down With Pills, Potions and Poxes".

New at the library:

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Shameless Exploitation in Pursuit of the Common Good: The Madcap Business Adventure by the Truly Oddest Couple" by Paul Newman and A. E. Hotchner.

"Yanks: The Epic Story of the American Army in World War I" by John S. D. Eisenhower.

"The Spontaneous Fulfillment of Desire: Harnessing the Infinite Power of Coincidence" by Deepak Chopra.

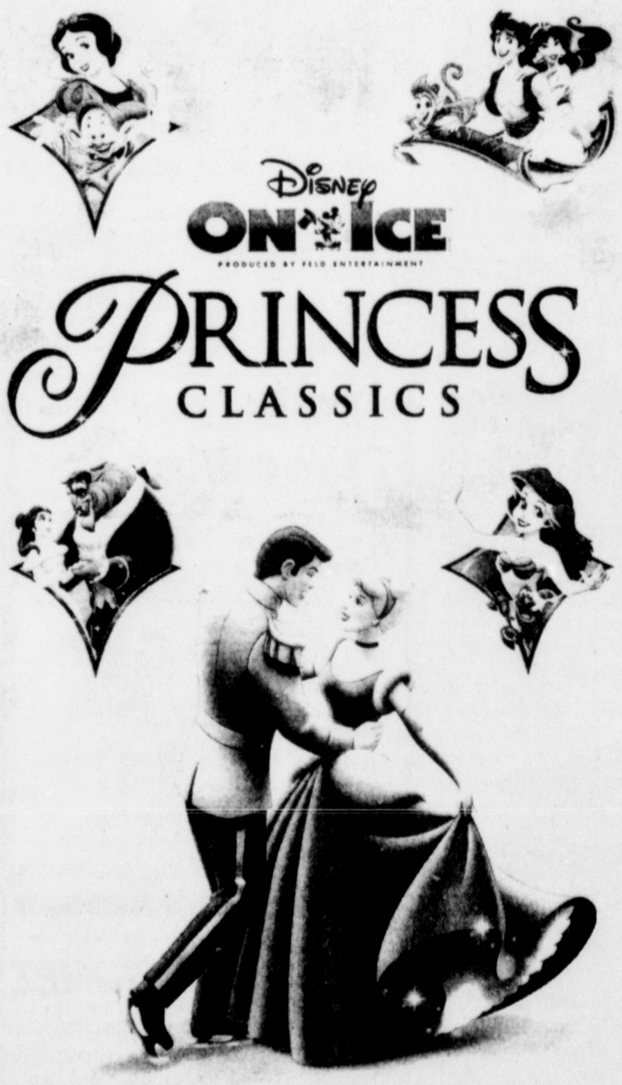
"20-Minute Learning Connection: A Practical Guide for Parents Who Want to Help Their Children Succeed in School" by Douglas B. Reeves, Ph.D.

"Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery: The U. S. Exploring Expedition, 1838 - 1842" by Nathaniel Philbrick

The library will be closed on Monday February 9 and Monday February 16. Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

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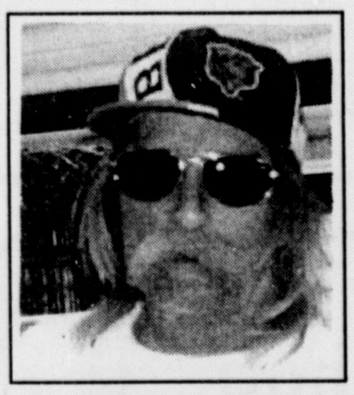
Things did not get any better, and by halftime the Raiders were down by 35 points. River City did outscore the Cougars during the second half but still lost the game, 89-60.

Several days later the Raiders traveled to Dixon. There is a definite rivalry between the two schools. River City beat the Rams during the football season 56-0 and when the two schools played each other several weeks ago in basketball, the Raiders were victorious.

The Rams had revenge on their minds. They played well and led 16-6 at the end of the first quarter, but the Raiders fought back and took the lead at halftime, 27-25. At the end of the third quarter only two points separated the teams. During the fourth quarter baskets were traded and with five seconds left in the game it was 52-52. Dixon had two chances to win the game, but both shots missed. The Raiders dodged a bullet but were facing a hostel crowd and a confident Dixon team. At the beginning of overtime Sou Saetern made a 3-point shot to give the Raiders the lead. Clayton Jones then grabbed a crucial rebound and made a basket giving the Raiders a 5-point lead. Aaron Garner then made several free throws to secure the win, 63-58. Garner led the team with 22 points. Andrew Arreola added 12 points and Sou Saetern contributed 9. River City will host the Vanden Vikings tonight. Game time is 7 p.m.

OBITUARIES from page two

1321 Anna Street in West Sacramento. The Rosary will be held on February 5, 2004 at the River Cities Funeral Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will be earlier that day, beginning at 4 p.m. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Holy Cross School of West Sacramento.



Chuck (Lytle) Reynolds

Chuck Reynolds sadly passed away on January 29, 2003. He was preceded in death by his father, Lytle Glisan, and his brother, Les. Chuck had many friends who loved him dearly. He is survived by his wife, Debbie of Angels Camp, his daughter, Charrinne of West Sacramento, and step-children Sandi Wallace of Exeter and Raymond Biven of Oklahoma. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, mother Beverly Glisan of Altaville, three brothers, Greg Donlen of Murphys, Rick Lytle of West Sacramento, Gorky Glisan of Sacramento, two sisters, Candi Saul of Montague and Lila Ayers of Rancho Cordova.

Close friends and family are invited to a gathering on February 7, 2004 starting at noon at the home of Rick and Vicki Lytle. In lieu of flowers, donations would be overwhelmingly appreciated to help with growing medical expenses and can be sent C/O Debbie Reynolds, PO Box 662, Altaville, CA 95221.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on February 11, 2004, at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible in the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The purpose of the public hearing is:

1. To discuss the Fiscal Year 2004 Community Development Block Grant application and to solicit citizen input.

2. To consider approval of Resolution 04-18 authorizing the Mayor to submit a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) for a program combining housing acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of homes.

3. To amend existing grant #03-STBG-1856 to add the acquisition of 1801 West Capitol Avenue for $406,800 as a new grant activity per State CDBG Program regulations.

The maximum amount of funds the City may apply for annually under the General Component of the Community Development Block Grant Program is $500,000. HELP Funds from a CalHFA loan and the Redevelopment Housing Setaside are the proposed sources of leveraged funds.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the attention of: Tina Gontarski, Director of Grants and Community Investment, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or by e-mail gci@ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. In addition, a public information file containing State requirements and all information regarding this application can be examined at the above location between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. In compliance with ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this public hearing you should contact the City Clerk at 916-617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City Hall is handicapped accessible.

The City promotes fair housing and makes all CDBG-funded programs available to low income families regardless of age, race, color religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap.

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LETTERS from page seven—

the point of no return in this area.

"Funny how selective your editorial point of view is when it comes to a "Tyranny of the Majority". Mark Paul's comments on January 4th and now the Bee's "Our Views" column of January 31st seem to knowingly miss the point of the two thirds requirement to raise taxes on the dwindling number of taxpayers who actually pay taxes and not just give the government an interest free loan between the time they pay in, and the time they get back all or most of their money in the form of a refund check the following spring.

Would that you would take my call (or at least allow it to be heard) for each county (all 58) to have an equal representation of two senators apiece. Then we would mirror our federal methods of apportioning representation by population in the lower house and by equal numbers of representatives from each of the individual interdependent yet separate and sovereign entities within our borders. After all, if, as so many like to point out, we are the worlds fifth largest economy, then shouldn't we have world class representation?

What's the matter with the Bee's editorial staff? Fear a tyranny of the majority if rural counties have as much of a voice in state government's perpetual attempts at money grabbing (from the less than willing) as the Greater L.A. Basin's under and/or non-paying masses, or those of the Greater Bay Area? As Mr. Paul pointed out, "It's how Congress has functioned for more than two hundred years". If it's good enough for our nation, why are we worth any less? To my way of thinking, we're not.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Reduce pollution at the source

Our federal Environmental Protection Agency, in its supposed goals of controlling pollution of air, water and noise, all too often blames counties and cities when in reality action should be taken against the location of the pollution cause. Because of the predominantly westerly winds from the Pacific coast, EPA should realize it would make more sense to reduce pollution on the coast and require developers to estimate pollution that ends up at downwind locations.

Nearby areas already deal in pollution reduction credits, which rewards districts taking measures to reduce pollution, but allows offenders to pay a price to continue their practices, so some changes are in order.

By targeting and identifying pollution by the location of source vs. effect, we could more fairly assess problems and responsibility for solutions, e.g., quit blaming mountain counties for coastal and valley sources and quit blaming valley counties for pollution from the coast. Replace wood-burning fireplaces with natural gas for fuel. Like buses that burn natural gas, like-powered or hybrid vehicles could make a big improvement in our air quality, too.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Happy 55th!



Al and LaVerne Miller of West Sacramento celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2004, at the Yolo Family Restaurant with immediate family members.

Al and LaVerne are originally from South Dakota and moved to Woodland, California, where they met. After Al served in the U.S. Navy, they married and resided in Rumsey, California with Al's parents on the family farm, where they raised almonds. They owned and operated Miller's TV on Merkley Avenue for almost 30 years, subsequent to West Sac TV. The couple has resided in West Sacramento for almost 50 years and have four generations of children living here who love them very much; Rick & Genna Miller, Dorothy ("Toots") and Hershel Cumings, their grandchildren, Laurie & Charles Melson, Travis DuBoise and Paul Fisher, Shawn Miller, Trista DuBoise and Rob Davis, and their grandchildren, Alexander Reed, Felicia and Cheyenne DuBoise.

AGENDAS from p. 1

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items will include merger of three lot lines for the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association to reconstruct a church administrative office destroyed by fire; conditional use permit for the same project; South Linden vesting tentative map for 17.28 acres and 100 single-family lots near Linden and Mojave; and a conditional use permit for a 14-inch petroleum products pipeline traveling through West Sacramento.

MEASURE Q: from page one—

News-Ledger: What will become of River City High School once the new high school is built?

Eklund: It will become a middle school, which will allow us to take some pressure off Golden State Middle School, which is currently the only middle school we have in the school district. I personally think children that age are harmed more by overcrowding than any other age group, and a second middle school is something this school district has needed for a long time.

News-Ledger: Why have you put "Measure Q" on the March ballot? Why the big hurry?

Eklund: I don't think ten years of trying to get this done is exactly rushing things. And if we wait until November to try and get the bonds approved by the voters, it will mean another year and a half in construction delays. The students at River City are like ants crowded into an ant hill right now. There are currently 1,650 students enrolled there, and it was built 50-years ago for 800 students.

News-Ledger: What do you think the chances are that "Measure Q" is going to pass?

Eklund: It seems to me that if the citizens and the government of West Sacramento can be supportive of a new City Hall and Raley Field, then they will certainly see the need to build a new high school for the children of this community. And that is exactly what our polling information is telling us. There seems to be broad support throughout the city for the measure and I'm very confident that the voters will support it in March.

VETS from page one

country," she remarked during a recent VFW meeting.

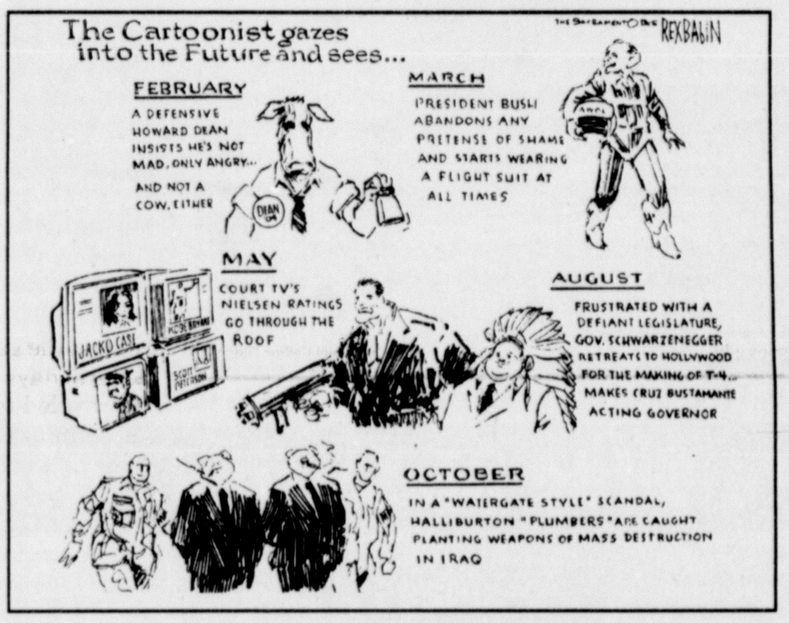
Also in attendance was Army Specialist Gregory LeClerc, a member of the 304th, which trains at a site near the former Sacramento Army Depot. "I'm just flabbergasted at what you folks here in West Sacramento are doing for us," he said: "It's just awesome."

The 304th is made up of personnel from all around, including Yolo County, Southern California, Nevada and other states. So for some, the commute is long for a weekend drill. That's real dedication to a cause. While overseas, the unit has suffered a number of wounded and one soldier killed in action.

Asked what a Psy-Ops unit does, LeClerc gladly explained. He said that instead of using weapons, the soldiers employ psychological persuasion to win over the local populace and defeat the enemy. "Our tools are the radio, television, leaflets and loudspeakers to get the message across."

That was how American soldiers got Iraqi fighters to surrender during the Gulf War in 1991. In the old days this was called psychological warfare. Now it's Psy-Ops.

LeClerc said that while Psy-Ops people are experts in language and communications, they are still required to maintain basic soldier skills. That means qualifying on the rifle range. Some are sharpshooters. He also pointed out that the troops take advantage of their civilian job experience to help re-establish local infrastructure and community relations. "We work closely with civil authorities to meet the needs of the citizens of the country we're in."





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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

The other ballot measure

The view from here is that the school bond ballot measure, $52 million, is not making everybody happy but is still headed for probable approval. West Sacramentans agree the city needs a new high school and needs a school bond. They are not necessarily happy about the proposed site for the planned campus, or about the fact that the March 2 vote is scheduled for a time before the voters will be told how the 3,000-student campus will be designed (to avoid the "mega-campus" syndrome) or other pertinent details.

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But there's another measure on the local ballot.

West Sacramento will be asked to decide whether they are ready for a "stronger mayor" form of local government. Currently, the city elects five at-large representatives to the city council. Those five vote every fall on which one of them will serve as the city's mayor and vice mayor for the coming year. Should the council ever be unhappy with its mayor, it could even vote to change mayors in midstream, since the mayor serves "at the pleasure" of the council.

On the "plus" side, this system serves to promote consensus in city government. The mayor must remain somewhat responsive to a council majority. And the system tends to (not always, and not always smoothly) rotate the mayor's gavel among different council members.

On the "minus" side, the current system tends to lead to the famous "mayor of the month" syndrome, in which the mayor's job rotates often enough that regional leaders (and locals) really don't have a chance to build a relationship with West Sacramento's mayor as the city's leader.

The measure, if approved, would instill a mayor who could be more autonomous from the council, for good or ill. A separately-elected mayor could push an agenda more aggressively than the current "first among equals" system really allows.

More could get done. More strife could be generated.

And one wonders what the idea of a separate election would do to the pool of talent available for participation in the local city council election – does West Sacramento historically have enough qualified people running for these offices? If two or three of the best are running for election to the mayor's slot, then how many "good" candidates will be available in a typical year to run for the city council?

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A sign of anti-growth backlash? This license plate frame was seen on a vehicle on West Capitol Avenue:

"West Sac is full – now go home!"

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Letters to the Editor

WUSD consultant's statement not truthful

Washington Unified School District (WUSD) consultant Rob Corley painted a rosy picture of the acquisition of property at Jefferson/Linden for the new high school in the 1/28/04 edition of the *News-Ledger*. However, contrary to his statement that "This was a mutually agreed-upon transaction, with no strong-arm, no threat of eminent domain", the land was indeed acquired "under the threat of eminent domain." Mr. Corley misspoke. Apparently that technicality is one part of the contract which Mr. Corley (unlike others) overlooked, failed to disclose, or conveniently spun 180 degrees to advance Measure Q.

Although we do not want to antagonize WUSD any further as the new high school will be our neighbor (WUSD is not at this time acquiring our house), we do need to set the record straight. We want the community to understand that the property sale to WUSD was not taken lightly or easily by us, nor was it prompted by financial gain. I repeat, the transaction was done "under threat of eminent domain." We support education; we do not question the need for a new high school. But many, including us, are not convinced that this is the best site.

WUSD has shown that poor judgment and driving personal ambitions can prevail because of its power to impose eminent domain. For more than ten years, it has been WUSD's desire to acquire our property, concluding that no other location would do for them.

The acquisition of our family farm by WUSD intervention has been tremendously stressful for us who have lived here over 50 years. We thank the many neighbors and supporters who came forward against the eminent domain action by WUSD and those who question the location for the proposed high school. Your voice has given us much comfort.

Now West Sacramento residents have the power of your vote -- not only on Measure Q -- but in future elections for local school board members. Your vote is valued. Before you cast your ballot, please think responsibly; don't fall prey to superficial responses, false pretenses, or grandiose promises. Be sure you are satisfied with answers to your questions and double-check the statements made so matter-of-factly.

Mr. Corley, I am compelled to broadcast this public correction to your misstatement in the *News-Ledger*. I am deeply offended by any implication that the announcement in the headlines and article last week of the large monetary transaction involved can gloss over the issues of this property acquisition by WUSD. I do, however, understand why you did it. After all, sale "under threat of eminent domain" might otherwise discolor the rosy picture you and others have painted.

P. IWASAKI
West Sacramento

Against Measure "R"

Measure "R" is a very dangerous measure in my opinion. The fact that it was drafted literally overnight without any testimony being asked from the public and very little given from staff and the council leaves much to be desired. The fact that no one is being vocal about the authority shift of an elected mayor regarding authority to appoint all the commissioners on all the boards without council confirmation is alarming. The majority and the elected mayor would have full control of all the boards and commissions. See where I'm going with this, the present mayor and his two pocket votes would be a 3-2 majority and the elected mayor would have full control of all the boards and commissions. This is not only a problem with the current council on many other issues, but in this instance they voted 3-2 in favor of this measure, Kristoff and Montemayor against, with the mayor and his two pocket votes voting is support.

Lastly, although no one has voiced any request to do so as of yet, the fact there is a provision to give the elected mayor the authority to request a raise in pay with council approval of course would make those pocket votes come in handy. Coincidentally, both Katie Villegas and Oscar Villegas are heading up a committee to support Measure "R" -- hummmm!

I say nip this all in the bud and vote "no" on Measure "R". The car's not broke so why fix it to suit a small group of people?

JIMMIE MANERCHIA
West Sacramento

Counties not represented equally

Well, the "major Sacramento fish wrap" across the river is at it again. Touting the party line in favor of lowering the threshold for raising taxes on all of us, that it. Gridlock in government is only bad if you depend of government for your income, and, if you have no willingness to look elsewhere for work. Every day the government is not passing new laws, is a day we're not being additionally fleeced, fined or restricted. I sent the following response to the major Sacramento newspaper where I fully expect it to never see the light of day. I'm still firmly convinced we're rapidly reaching

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/s/Sandra L. Hazeltine, Secretary

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The following person is doing business as Jesara Farms, 31639 Rd 29A, Woodland CA 95695:

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Weather forecast for tonight: dark.
—George Carlin

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—W.J. Vogel

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Dec 15 2003

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/s/Carol E. Jacobson

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The following person is doing business as La Cocina Meat Market, 612 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Antonio Daniel Schmarsow, 1033 Anna St., W. Sacramento CA 95605.

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/s/Antonio Daniel Schmarsow

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File No. 2004-064

The following person is doing business as The Golden Poppy, 2001 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Julia Harrington, 918 Elm St., West Sacramento CA 95605.

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/s/Julia Harrington

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 6, 2004
File No. 2004-18

The following person is doing business as Lee's Fast Food, 2020 E. Main St., Woodland CA 95776:

Hee Young Kim and Jong Heon Lee, 2020 E. Main St., Woodland CA 95776.

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/s/Hee Young Kim

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 3, 2003
File No. 2003-1008

The following person is doing business as The Main Street Gallery, 9 East Main Street, Suite I, Winters CA 95694 :

Thelma Weatherford, 2300 Cezanne Ct., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Thelma Weatherford

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Friends are thieves of time.
—Latin proverb

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 8 2004
File No. 2004-030

The following person is doing business as Main Street Domains, 608 ½ Main Street, Suite 1, Woodland CA 95695:

Ronald M. Gaylord, same address.

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/s/Ronald M. Gaylord

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-1162

The following person is doing business as Broderick Group Fellowship, 920 Drever St., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Debbie Desorry, 1019 Meadow Rd., W. Sac. CA 95691.

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/s/Debbie Desorry

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 8, 2003
File No. 2003-1117

The following person is doing business as Helping Handz – Home Support Services, 3153 Sumatra St., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Jacqueline H. Younger, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Jacqueline H. Younger

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/s/Michael P. Lyon, President
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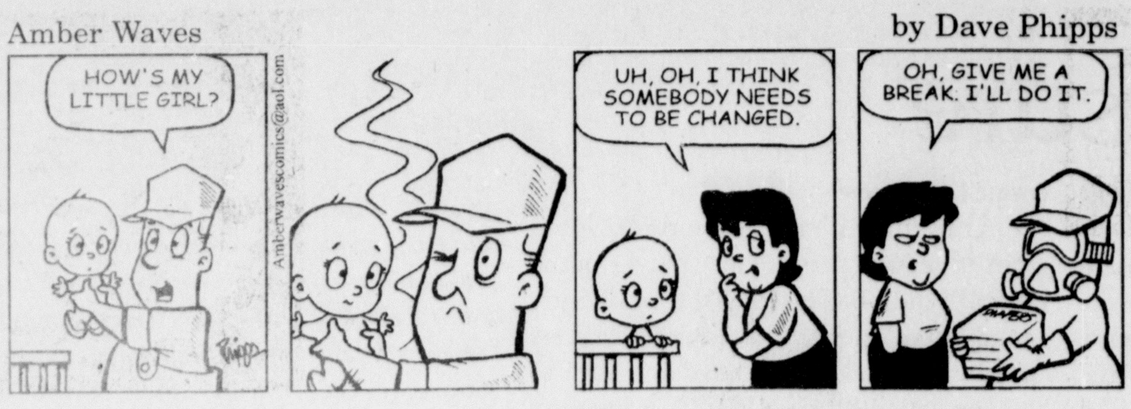
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PUZZLES & COMICS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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by Jeff Pickering







Super Crossword

BLUE GENES

ACROSS
1 Plot
6 Philanthropist
11 Send out a page
14 Highlander's headgear
17 Vision-related
19 Likes a lot
21 Barcelona bravo
22 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
23 A few words
24 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
27 Itch
28 Loaf part
30 Dram
31 Emcee
32 Swiss sharpshooter
33 Like feta
37 Feta
39 Oscar or Tony
42 Fragrant plant
44 Mets' milieu
45 Isolated
46 Spud state
47 97 Across singer
50 Part 2 of remark
56 Seal school
58 Actress Massen
59 TV's "The — Limits"
60 Animosity
61 Nimble
62 Printer's proof
64 Be buoyant
67 Hindu duty
69 Word form for "milk"
71 Invalidated
75 City on the Allegheny
76 Storm
78 Bounded
79 Smiley's "A Thousand —"
81 Medical suffix
82 Spirit
84 Gogol's "— Bulba"
86 Jack of "Barney Miller"
89 Ocasek of The Cars
90 Part 3 of remark
95 Principles
97 "Here You Come —" ('77 hit)
98 Hellman's "The Children's —"
99 Duel tool
100 Desk accessory
102 On edge
103 Stick-in-the-mud?
106 Free tickets
107 Pavarotti piece
109 Third-rate
110 Halloween decoration
111 Yogi or Smokey
112 Political abbr.
115 End of remark
122 Dolphin Dan
124 Kind
125 Flagon filler
126 Proofreader's list
127 Leisurely, to Liszt
128 Singer Brenda
129 Literary pseudonym
130 Solti's stick
131 Wharton or Sitwell

DOWN
1 Duplicate
2 Want badly
3 Overdo a tan
4 — carte
5 Tied tightly
6 "The Witches" author
7 Horatian creation
8 Neither's partner
9 Vein contents
10 Word with carpet or cabbage
11 Racing legend
12 Boxing legend
13 Makes one's mark
14 Resort lake
15 Pile up
16 Lusterless
18 Virginia —
20 Alaskan city
25 Italian greyhound, e.g.
26 Bread ingredient
29 Wee one
32 "— bien!"
33 Chest material
34 Get wind of
35 Tennis legend
36 A roaring success?
37 Rubbed the wrong way?
38 Juno, in Greece
39 Plus
40 Troubles
41 Penguins' place
43 Ready to eat
44 Detect
48 Tyranny
49 With 101 Down, '79 Sally Field film
51 Subject matter
52 "Ben—" ('59 film)
53 School founded by Henry VI
54 Siamese
55 Fill to the gills
57 Actress Cannon
61 Mall event
63 Homeric characters
64 So. state
65 Mouth piece?
66 Habitually, to Herrick
68 Neighsayer?
69 Den
70 Upstairs basement?
72 — Bator
73 Singer Horne
74 Irritated exclamation
77 More enthusiastic
80 Scoundrel
83 — majesty
84 Ridicules
85 Superior
87 Burden of proof
88 Brute
90 "— the mornin'"
91 Guys' counterparts
92 Corporate clashers
93 Bank statistic
94 Big bird
96 Indira Gandhi's father
100 Enjoy the beach
101 See 49 Down
102 Diatribe
103 "To fetch — . . ."
104 Clavell's "— House"
105 Alistair or Sam
106 Part of PST
108 Sita's husband
110 Dylan's colleague
111 Fiber source
112 Leslie Caron role
113 Step — (hurry)
114 Cry of contempt
116 Check
117 Jeff Lynne's grp.
118 Sphere
119 Singing syllable
120 It may be tipped
121 WWII area
123 "Great!"



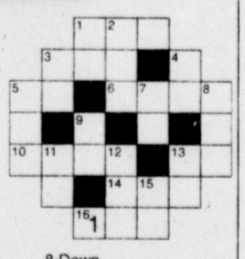
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Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Two times 2-Down
3. 1-Down plus 4-Down
5. Fifty more than 1-Down
6. 1-Across plus 8-Down
10. 16-Across times 7-Down
13. Five less than 7-Down
14. 1-Across plus 12-Down
16. Two more than 3-Across

DOWN
1. Three times 13-Down
2. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. 15-Down minus 13-Down
5. 9-Down times 11-Down
7. Sum of the digits of 8-Down
8. Consecutive digits in descending order
9. Six more than 3-Down
11. Consecutive digits in descending order
12. Six hundred less than 5-Down
13. The last digit is four times the first digit
15. The first digit is three times the last digit

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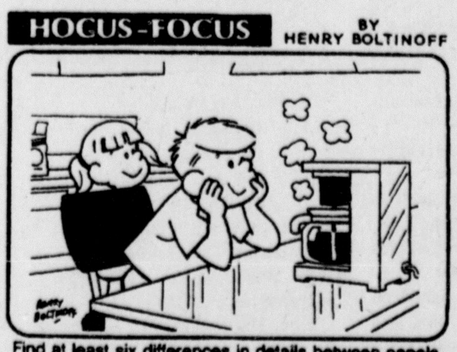
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Madriu, Mana, Maritsa, Maroni, Mekong, Merrimack, Meuse, Miami, Milo, Mississippi, Moa, Mono, Morava, Moselle, Muskingham

HOGUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Along Came Polly"

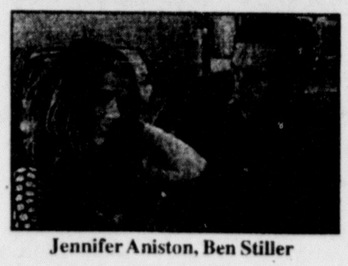
Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

I really, really, REALLY hate January and February. It's the time of year when Hollywood releases all the dreck it didn't think was good enough to release the previous year. The result is a two-month sludgefest of mediocre to just-plain-painful movies. "Along Came Polly" is one of those films.

The Farrelly Brothers are the masters of the gross-out romantic comedy — and they've spawned many imitations. "Along Came Polly" is one of those films. The problem is, "Polly" has a lot of gross scenes, but they aren't funny. "Polly" has two likeable lead characters, but there's no chemistry between them. So, what you're left with is a 90-minute poop joke.

The film stars Ben Stiller as Reuben Feffer, a painfully anal insurance company risk assessor. He marries a redhead (Debra Messing) who, on their honeymoon, cheats on him with a French scuba instructor (Hank Azaria). Feffer, dejected, returns home. He goes to a party one night and meets Polly (Jennifer Aniston), a woman he once knew in junior high. Polly is the complete opposite of Reuben. She's out to grab life by the horns and give it a good wrestle. She also has a blind ferret.

Their courtship is one slapstick set-up after another. Much is made of Reuben's irritable bowel syndrome. There are so many bathroom jokes in



Jennifer Aniston, Ben Stiller

this flick, I think I may been rendered incontinent just by watching it.

Yes, they fall in love, and everything is hunky dory at the end. The problem is, you won't care. There aren't that many good jokes or gags, and Stiller and Aniston just never "click."

Don't waste your money on this movie. Rent "There's Something About Mary," "Annie Hall" or "Better Off Dead" instead.

GRADE: D

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Books

Becoming Mona Lisa: The Making of a Global Icon
by Donald Sassoon
(Harcourt, $30)
Reviewed by David Smith

"La Giaconda," or the "Mona Lisa" as it is commonly known, was painted 500 years ago by Leonardo da Vinci. It is perhaps the most famous painting in the world.

So, how did the "Mona Lisa" become such an icon? How did Leonardo become such a mythic figure? Surely, there are other Renaissance artists who were more prolific and arguably better than da Vinci.

In fact, the "Mona Lisa" is the only painting of his that could be considered a success. His "Last Supper" was a colossal failure. Da Vinci used the wrong kind of paint on the wall, and the painting was in such bad shape that it was painted over by another artist.

Leonardo's "inventions" were also flops. Most were scattershot, half-realized notions that had no basis in practical science, even in his time.

In his entertaining and well-researched book, Donald Sassoon unravels the mystery as to how the "Mona Lisa" became such a cultural icon and how it was necessary to create a Cult of Leonardo, despite his obvious failings.

Sassoon argues that Leonardo became a hero to the Romantics of the 19th century because he represented the inquisitive individual, a lone inventor and scientist, a free-thinker who challenged the prevailing notions of his time. And thus was created the Cult of Leonardo.

To the Romantics, Leonardo was a genius ahead of his time, and the "Mona Lisa" was his ultimate creation: the femme fatale, an archetype never before seen in Western culture.

"Becoming Mona Lisa" is one of the best books on art history I've read. It is an entertaining and informative detective story and primer on the evolution of Western art and thinking from the Middle Ages to modern times. I highly recommend it.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Feb. 14, 1779,** Captain James Cook, the great English explorer and navigator, is killed by natives of Hawaii during his third visit to the Pacific island group.

• On **Feb. 9, 1900,** the solid silver trophy known today as the Davis Cup is first put up for competition when American collegian Dwight Filley Davis challenges British tennis players to come across the Atlantic and compete against his Harvard team.

• On **Feb. 10, 1941,** the first highway post office service is established along the route between Washington, D.C., and Harrisonburg, Va. Mail was transported in buses equipped with facilities for the sorting, handling and dispatch of mail.

• On **Feb. 15, 1942,** in one of the greatest defeats in British military history, Britain's supposedly impregnable Singapore fortress surrenders to Japanese forces after a weeklong siege. More than 60,000 British, Australian and Indian soldiers were taken prisoner.

• On **Feb. 11, 1960,** Jack Paar, host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," walks off the program to protest censorship. Infuriated when censors cut a joke about a "water closet," claiming it was in poor taste, Paar stormed off the set and did not return to the show for a month.

• On **Feb. 13, 1991,** Sotheby's announces the discovery of a long-lost manuscript of "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. The first half of Twain's original manuscript, heavily corrected in his own handwriting, had been missing for more than a century.

CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. Is Ben Chaplin, who co-starred with George Clooney, John Travolta and Nick Nolte in "The Thin Red Line," related to Charlie Chaplin? — *Petra Y.*

A. Ben Chaplin, who made his American film debut in "The Truth About Cats and Dogs" with Uma Thurman ("Kill Bill"), says that despite their common English roots, they are not kin.

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Q. Whatever happened to the ABC series "Dragnet" starring Ed O'Neill? If it was canceled, will it turn up on NBC with all the other Dick Wolfe shows? — *Georgia S.*

A. Dick Wolfe, the creator of the "Law and Order" franchise that airs on NBC, loved the old "Dragnet" show with the late Jack Webb as Sgt. Joe Friday, and hoped he could revive the classic series for ABC. However, even with the popular Ed O'Neill ("Married ... With Children") heading the cast, the show barely survived its first season and collapsed in its mid-second season, despite a name change (to "L.A. Dragnet") and some revamping. I'm told NBC will most likely not pick it up.

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Q. This is from a group of us who are of Italian origin, and we would like to know if it's true that Kate Hudson ("Le Divorce") is one of us. Thanks. — *Richard L.*



Kate Hudson

A. She is, indeed. Her paternal grandparents (Bill Hudson's mother and father) are both of Italian descent. Kate has an ecumenical lineage: Her maternal grandmother (Goldie Hawn's mom) was of Jewish ancestry, and her Protestant roots trace back through her maternal grandfather's forebears, one of whom signed the Declaration of Independence.

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Q. Will there ever be another "Mortal Kombat" movie? Please say yes. — *Al B.*

A. Probably. Linden Asbby, who starred in the last "MK" flick, says he's been told to expect to receive a script "soon."

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

THIS APPLE PIE WILL PUT YOU IN THE PINK



Want to bite into a delicious apple that is not a Delicious apple? There's a beauty right now in our markets that's a natural cross between the Golden Delicious and the Lady William. When I say "beauty" it's no exaggeration because it's a lovely pink; in fact, it's the only pink apple being cultivated today, and it's aptly named Pink Lady.

It was developed by John Cripps and Ally Mackay of the Western Australia Department of Agriculture several years ago, and the first trees in the United States were planted in 1994. Its name is so precious that it is trademarked, and the logo on each apple is a heart imprinted with its name and little kangaroo. This assures you that the apple was grown and handled according to the strict standards of the Pink Lady USA and international programs.

Pink Lady is the crunchiest apple I've ever eaten. It's sweet with just a trace of tartness. Doesn't need to be peeled either, whether eaten out of hand, in a salad or in cooking, because it's thin-skinned, and even its skin is too good to waste.

Following is a recipe for a pie even the amateur can bake — it relies on store-bought pastry. If you want, you can make it a bit more complex by adding to the filling 1/2 cup of any of these: raisins, dried cranberries, dried cherries, toasted nuts or shredded Cheddar cheese. As they say, "Apple pie without the cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze."

PINK LADY APPLE PIE

4 to 6 Pink Lady apples, unpeeled
1/4 cup granulated or brown sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Dash salt
1 (15-ounce) package refrigerated pie crusts
2 to 3 tablespoons butter
Cold water

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Core and slice Pink Lady apples into large bowl. In small bowl stir together sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt. Add to apple slices and toss to mix. Gently fit one pie crust into a 9-inch pie dish. Place apple mixture into dish. Dot with butter. Brush rim of pastry with cold water. Cut a few small steam vents in second pastry circle and place over apples. Press pastry edges together to seal; crimp edges. If desired, cut small kangaroo or apple shape from third circle of pastry and place on top crust of pie, avoiding steam vents. Tear off a few narrow strips of aluminum foil and place lightly around edge of pie to keep crust from overbrowning.

Bake in preheated oven until crust is golden brown and apples are just tender, 35 to 45 minutes. Test by piercing apples through one of the steam vents with wooden pick or sharp knife. If top crust begins to brown too soon, place a small piece of foil over each area as a shield. Remove foil from pie rim for last 10 minutes of baking. After 30 minutes of baking, brush top of pie with mixture of 1 egg yolk beaten with 1/4 cup milk. Makes one 9-inch pie.

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YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

Pancake Race Is Tale of 2 Cities

There are a lot of things in Britain that have been "borrowed" by Americans — the Beatles, TV's "Changing Rooms" (affectionately known here as "Trading Spaces") and pancake races.

Yes, you read that correctly: pancake races. Legend has it that a woman of Olney, England, hurriedly trying to use up cooking fats (which are forbidden during Lent), was making pancakes when she heard the church bell ring. She ran — apron, frying pan, pancake and all — to the church. In the following years, neighbors began racing one another and collecting a prize from the vicar: a kiss of peace. Thus was born the Pancake Races of Olney.

About 1950, the Liberal, Kan., Jaycees spotted a magazine article showing these mad women dashing with pancakes in Olney and decided that it would be fun to run this race, too, and the challenge was on.

It has stayed on for more than 50 years. Women in both sister cities run an identical course, pancakes in hand. They must flip the pancake once before taking off and once after crossing the finish line. All participants must be residents of Liberal (or Olney). It has become quite a tradition and is great fun to watch.

The race takes place on Shriving Day — which falls this year on Tuesday, March 4 — at 11:55 a.m., to be followed by a trans-Atlantic phone call 20 minutes later to determine the overall winner.

There are eating and flipping races on the preceding Saturday, plus children's and men's races, and a host of other activities, not to mention the requisite pancake breakfast.

If you ever find yourself in a position to cook pancakes for 1,000 or so guests, just use Liberal's recipe, courtesy of the Old Muffin Factory, and have a happy International Pancake Day!

Pancake Mix for 1,000

280 pounds pancake mix
10.5 dozen eggs
7 cups sugar
7 cups cooking oil
14 capfuls vanilla
7 pinches of salt
35 gallons of water

For more information about Liberal's Pancake Races, contact the Liberal Convention and Tourism Bureau at 1-620-626-0170 or log on to www.pancakeday.com.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out — especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus of how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 1 foot 1 inch U. S. guage at the S. P. bridge yesterday during high tide. This shows that at low tide the river would register about 5 inches below zero.

Dr. Walter M. Dickie, Secretary and executive officer of the State Board of Health, last week conducted hearings concerning the sewage disposal and water supply of Sacramento. The exceptionally low water in the Sacramento River brings about unusual conditions in relation to the Sacramento water supply. The continued efficient chlorination of the City's water, however, offers adequate safeguard against the appearance of water-borne diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Andrews and son, Joseph have been spending the past few days at the Bennetts' home and incidently visiting the State Fair in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chellew, of Grass Valley went home this morning after spending several days attending the State Fair and visiting the family of Post Master Bennetts.

Reverened Father Marcucci is expected home from Grass Valley tomorrow after attending the annual retreat of the priests of the Sacramento diocese. The usual services will be held by him on Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Soule is able to be around her home again and expects to leave for San Francisco and other bay points about the end of September.

Last Wednesday evening a hammock was stolen from Jack Biddle while he was moving to a new room. On Thursday morning the hammock was found in the brush north of Rocky Point.

It is not unusual now to have a hop head or two in the town jail over night where formerly there might have been a drunk or two. Those who previously over indulged in liquor seem to take to drugs under present conditions with very much more debasing results because while there was a cure for the drunkard, there is no cure for the hop head. Constable Buckingham is kept busy driving back to Sacramento the hop heads who cross the bridge to get away from the Sacramento police. Yesterday, Buckingham had a man in the town jail who was so badly off he didn't know his name.

A set of chain harness was stolen last Tuesday night from the Farris ranch in West Sacramento. The robber is suspected and may be arrested any minute.

Children of school age are preparing for the opening of the public school next Monday, and parents are getting them ready for school work. A full force of teachers will be on hand to look after the children.

Mrs. Verde Wixom came down from Oroville yesterday to spend a few days with Mrs. Belle Porter.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips returned to Santa Rosa yesterday, after a visit of several days with Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. A. Brolliar has been spending several days at the Kiff home. They will not return to their home in Grimes till after the end of the State Fair.

Thomas Bryant is a visitor at the Kiff home during the fair but expects to return today to the Lincoln White Ranch above Elk Horn.

Tony Vincent returned from Boston a few days ago where he spent three months visiting his parents and many friends. Tony says that booze is plentiful all through the state of Massachusetts and that it is not uncommon to find a still in every farm house. He says that a remarkable boom in farm land values has taken place there because so many people take advantage of farm premises to manufacture intoxicants. He says that a million men could not prevent the manufacture of illicit booze in that State, and farmers are prosperous now like they never were before and all owing to the fact that they are selling booze from big automobiles instead of produce from farm wagons. Tony says the cost of living is not easier in the East than it is in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans with their granddaughter, Elaine Schaffer are home from a ten day vacation at Monterey, Pacific Grove, San Francisco and other points.

After a residence of forty-two years in Washington, Mrs. E. Newton left yesterday to make her home in San Francisco, with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Weatherbee. Mrs. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbee have purchased a house in San Francisco, which they will occupy as a residence. The upper flat of the Newton home on Second Street, between C and D Streets, will be occupied by Mrs. Chester Johns, formerly of Sacramento, and the lower flat by Chas. and Tom Newton and Russell and Tom Crase.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Stephens have returned to San Jose after spending a few days visiting relatives in Washington.

A fractured arm and shoulder blade were sustained by Helen Dassonville Wednesday in falling from the limb of a tree. The injured girl was treated at the Sisters' Hospital, and later removed to her home in Washington.

Mrs. Harry Weatherbee has returned to her home in San Francisco after spending a few days in Washington.

Mervyn Green, who has been a guest at the C. E. Korell home during the past week, has returned to his home in San Francisco.

Arthur Anderson and wife have returned to their home in Marysville, accompanied by Will Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were recent visitors at the William Norton home.

Mrs. James Lear, after a three weeks' stay in Lamoine, where Lear has been employed for several months, has returned to Washington.

Frank Martin of Vacaville returned to his home yesterday after a visit fair week at the Lynch home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lane of Ione spent a few days visiting the fair. They were guests of Mrs. M. Conzetti.

Jack Ramsey and family and Paul Dupzyk and family, who visited for a few days with relatives in Washington, have returned to their home in San Francisco.

Miss Helen Holt of Alameda has returned after spending a few days in Washington as the guest of Miss Essie White.

Mrs. Charles Fontana and children have gone to Los Angeles to visit relatives.

P. O. Van Deren and family have returned from an outing at Icehouse Hill. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. William Bartle, who have just completed a two weeks' stay in the Sierras.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jones of Palermo are guests at the home of Mrs. H. A. Palm.

Mrs. Sarah Evans, who has been a visitor in Oakland for several days, has returned to her home in Washington.

Miss Charlotte Merkley, after a month's visit at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Merkley, has returned to San Francisco.

Miss Fern Tonhunter and Charles McClure were week-end visitors at the Tonhunter Ranch near Knights Landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clemins of San Francisco are guests during the State Fair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Colbert.

Charles Edwards, August Brietzke, James Davis, Ward Pagnello, and Jack Lamprough went to Camino for a deer hunt. They also visited at the home of H. Edwards in Camino.

J. R. Barry, Jr., is up from Mare Island to spend a month's furlough visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. R. Barry.

George Mathena has returned from Lake Tahoe where he spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and Mr. and Mrs. H. Du Four have returned after spending the week-end at Lake Tahoe. Mr. and Mrs. Du Four went on to their home in Vallejo, accompanied by Miss Lois Patterson, who will be their guest for two weeks.

James Nutting of Hollister was a visitor yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. H. Godfrey, en route to Canada, where he expects to make an indefinite stay.

C. H. Williams has returned after spending the week-end at Seaside. He was accompanied home by Miss Leona Williams, who has completed a three-months' stay at the summer resort.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards, Mrs. Annie Edwards and Mrs. Ward Pagnello have returned from spending a few days in Grass Valley.

Leinberger's Election Without Opposition Is Splendid Testimonial Of His Ability And Popularity

TWO OF HIS BROTHER SUPERVISORS OF YOLO COUNTY WERE DEFEATED AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 31ST

In the face of returns from the primary election of August 31st wherein two Supervisors were defeated it is worthy of note that the Supervisor from the First District of Yolo County, William J. Leinberger, was returned without opposition and with what might be classed as the unanimous approval of his constituents.



W. J. LEINBERGER

Out of a total vote cast of 466, 428 voted for him, 36 of these being write ins.

The Independent has no desire to flatter the Supervisor for it knows him to be too sensible to be subject to flattery but this is a case where "merit deserves mention."

In the first place Leinberger had no opponent, not because there were not other men in the district without ambition.

In the second place the write-in vote cast for him is proof of the equitable manner in which he treated the people.

And in the third place there is a tribute laid at his feet testifying to the splendid way in which he distributed the funds at his disposal through the district.

It should be borne in mind, too, that this district of Yolo County is growing fast and demands considerable attention. Great factories are being located here and new roadways must be built to accommodate them.

A new population is being added of great wealth, and new people must be satisfied.

This section of Yolo County is becoming the industrial center of Sacramento and unless attention is given these industries they will not continue to come.

Not one of those industries has been slighted by Leinberger.

Great stretches of road on top of river levees have only been imitations for years past. Those roads have been kept in fairly good repair with a small fund in the hands of Leinberger.

In the reclaimed districts known as the Netherlands and West Sacramento Leinberger has so tactfully handled the road question that in nearly every instance he succeeded in getting the farmers to put up out of their own pockets half the cost of road building and repair work while the county only had to put up the other half.

Where is there another Supervisor District in the State that has been handled half so tactfully or intelligently as the First District of Yolo County?

In recognition of the service rendered to the district by Leinberger he was elected at the primary on August 31st without opposition when some of his colleagues on the board during the past four years were defeated.

A Norweigan, 8 feet and 9 inches tall and weighing 503 pounds was lost the other day in Chicago.

It is a wonder some bunko artist didn't get a hold of him.

WONDERFUL RUN OF SALMON DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS

Starting last Sunday evening a great run of salmon came up the Sacramento River and in such numbers that the few fishermen who happened to be out could scarcely handle their nets when they commenced to draw them.

Since that time the run has continued so that there is likely a glut in the market.

Some of the local fishermen have gone out with their catches and sold direct to consumers, because the wholesalers cannot handle their catches.

Retail dealers in Sacramento have contracts with the wholesalers to take a certain amount every day or every Friday hence the unprecedented run cannot well be disposed of to those retailers.

Fishermen are getting between 7 and 10 cents per pound for their catches but yet the retail dealers are asking as high as 25 and 30 cents per pound in the Sacramento market.

Several auto loads of fish have been taken to Woodland, Davis and North Sacramento and the salmon have been sold direct to consumers, each one taking a whole fish of as near weight as desired.

The Pankost Fish and Boat Co. is adopting this method also in order to dispose of the great supply on hand and still coming.

Local fishermen believe that the run of salmon will continue for at least two weeks. The quality of fish being taken now is number 1 and some weigh as high as 50 and 60 pounds. Salmon less than 5 pounds cannot be taken under the law and are being thrown back into the river.

A poor old fellow 84 years old, a laborer, sought death in the Sacramento River the other day as a surcease for his troubles.

He told the police when prevented from committing suicide by drowning that he had become too old to support himself and wanted to try life on "the other side."

And yet the Bible says:

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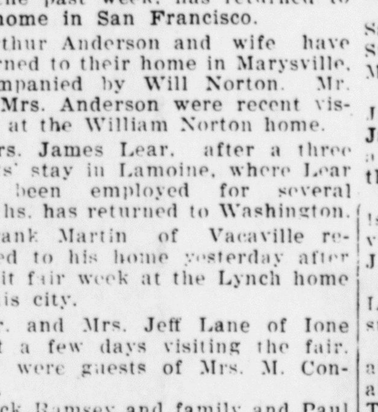
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 10, 2003
File No. 03-1128

The following person is doing business as Smog Diagnostic, 1449 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Sohail Aziz, 8270 Cliffcrest Dr., Sacramento CA 95828.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/10/03

/s/Sohail Aziz

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 10 2003
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 21, 2004
File No. 2004-79

The following person is doing business as The Current Solution, 1405 Garrison, Davis CA 95616:

Dennis Allen, P.O. Box 74306, Davis CA 95616; 1405 Garrison, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-21-04

/s/Dennis Allen

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 21, 2004
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 0148702918 Loan No. 4000170706 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 2/27/1998. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Gary L. Ruhlow and Sharon L. Ruhlow, his wife, as Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as attorney-in-fact Recorded 3/12/1998 as Instrument No. 98-0006379-00 in book –, page – of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 2/10/2004 at 12:00PM Place of Sale: At the rear North entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $100,133..90 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 900 Reuter Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-245-24-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **Fidelity National Foreclosure Solutions By: 3 Arch Trustee Services, Inc., as attorney-in-fact** 19732 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100 Irvine, California 92612 (949) 474-4505 Sale Line: (916) 387-7728 Janina Perez, Foreclosure Technician Date: 1/21/04 ASAP575279 1/21, 1/28, 2/4

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 6, 2004
File No. 04-15

The following person is doing business as Sawdust West, 1223 Menlo Dr., Davis CA 95616:

William Steven Roche, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on . Previous fictitious business name number 99-063

/s/William Steven Roche

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 6 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 22, 2004
File No. 2004-82

The following person is doing business as Southport Chiropractic, 1040 W. Capitol Ave., Suite A, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Armando T. Omega, 3540 Cooper Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 20, 2004

/s/Armando T. Omega, D.C.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 22, 2004
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ESTHER A. NEIS aka ESTHER ANNE MORONI CASE NUMBER PB04-16

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Esther Neis and Esther A. Moroni.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Janet L. Moroni and Michael J. Moroni in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Janet L. Moroni and Michael J. Moroni be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 17, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 11 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Linda S. Patrick
1540 Jefferson Blvd.
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 374-0682

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will hold a special meeting to conduct a public hearing on February 18, 2004 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the Benkert Estates Tentative Parcel Map which calls for the subdivision of an existing ±5 acre parcel into two ±1.0 acre parcels, one ±1.2 acre parcel and one ±1.8 acre parcel. Each lot would be served by a private well and septic system. The parcel is located at 1325 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento and is zoned Rural Residential.

Consideration of a request by The Grupe Company to change the name of Lighthouse Drive.

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File No. 2004-070
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS / ADVANCE AMERICA, 47-B West Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695-3078

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 19, 1998.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, By: William M. Webster IV, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 20, 2004.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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File No. 2004-071
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS / ADVANCE AMERICA, 900 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691-3302

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 20, 1999.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, By: William M. Webster IV, President

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Set up as an ideal the facing of reality as honestly and as cheerfully as possible.
—Dr. Karl Menninger

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Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.
—George S. Patton

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Police log

Jan. 30, 1:50 a.m.
A 1983 Toyota was reported stolen from Maple Street.

Jan. 30, 9:33 p.m.
An officer driving on Lisbon Ave. saw a man run away as the patrol car approach. Near the place the suspect fled from, the officer found a backpack with miscellaneous identification, a martial arts weapon and checks. The items were booked as found property.

Jan. 31, 5:06 a.m.
A 52-year old man forced his daughter's boyfriend to the ground, pointed a shotgun at him, repeatedly threatened to kill him and hit him in the shoulder with the gun's stock. The man was arrested.

Jan. 31, 6:56 a.m.
On West Capitol Ave., police and fire personnel responded after someone lit two fires at a lumberyard. The fire department extinguished the blaze.

Jan. 31, 11:20 a.m.
A West Sacramento woman was taken to the hospital after she slit her wrists.

Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.
A 1994 Lincoln was reported stolen from Canna Way.

Jan. 31, 4:52 p.m.
An officer attempted to stop a car near Michigan and Poplar. The driver fled recklessly, but stopped near Pecan and Michigan. The driver's truck was confirmed stolen. The driver also had handgun ammunition in his possession, and was identified as a local gang member. He was arrested.

Jan. 31, 4:12 p.m.
Near Jefferson and Park boulevards, a 1989 Plymouth was towed for blocking the road.

Jan. 31, 7:37 p.m.
Near 5th and B streets, an officer stopped a man who was riding a bike. The man was found to be a sex offender who had failed to register, and also had methamphetamine in his possession. He was arrested.

Jan. 31, 8:30 p.m.
An officer took a report of an assault. A 22-year old man struck his father in the head with a can of shaving cream during an argument, causing a laceration. The suspect was gone when police arrived.

Feb. 1, 7:15 a.m.
An officer stopped a stolen Toyota with two males in it. The driver, a minor, was booked into juvenile hall. The adult passenger was booked into jail.

Feb. 1, 7:40 a.m.
On Short St., a warehouse reported a burglary with no signs of forced entry. Taken were a label printer and laser printer.

Feb. 1, 8 a.m.
On Commerce Dr., two trucks were burglarized. Items taken included CB radios and tools.

Feb. 1, 9:51 a.m.
On the 2000-block of Merkley Ave., the license plate from a car was reported stolen.

Feb. 1, 11:35 a.m.
A purse was taken from a vehicle at a West Capitol Ave. supermarket parking lot.

Feb. 1, 12:27 p.m.
On Lemontree Dr., Someone stole a ring and some CDs from an unlocked car.

Feb. 1, 4:15 p.m.
On the 400-block of Westacre Rd., someone took a fannypack containing a billfold and identification from an unlocked vehicle.

Feb. 1, 4:52 p.m.
A pickup truck reported stolen from Sacramento was recovered on Hardy Dr. in West Sacramento. It had license plates from a different vehicle.

Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m.
A suspect cashed a check drawn on a bogus account at a Harbor Blvd. bank.

Feb. 1, 6:28 p.m.
A two-year old handed her grandfather a bag containing methamphetamine and a drug smoking pipe. The toddler had obtained the items from her mother's bedroom. Child Protective Services was contacted to take protective custody of the child.

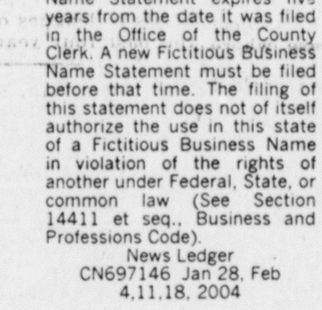
Feb. 1, 10 p.m.
On Alder Way, two motorcycles and a four-wheel recreational vehicle were stolen from the sideyard of a residence.

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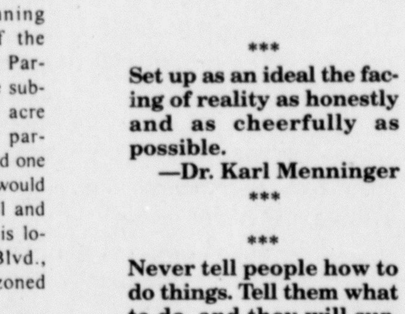
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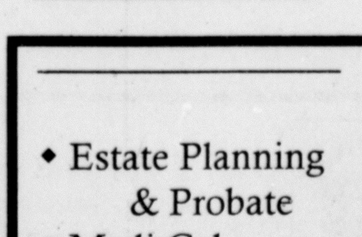
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Local Scene

Bingo!

A bingo afternoon is scheduled by the Soroptimist organization for Sun., Feb. 15, from 1-4 p.m. at the West Sacramento VFW Hall, 11th & Soule streets. Proceeds will benefit community projects. Cost is $10, with $5 for extra paper and $1 for daubers. Includes tostada luncheon & 15 games. Call 371-4268 or 373-9133.

Am. River Parkway

Public resources helping to maintain the American River Parkway are in jeopardy. For information on how you can help, visit the website www.arpf.org or call 456-7423.

Crab feed

The annual Holy Cross School Crab Feed is scheduled for 6 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 21 at the school, 800 Todhunter. No-host bar, raffle, dancing & crab feed for $30. Call 371-1313 for tickets

OLG dinner/auction

Our Lady of Grace School will host a dinner & silent auction on Sat., March 6, at 1990 Linden Road. The auction preview begins at 5:30 p.m. $30 includes hosted bar, New York steak dinner & auction participation. Proceeds benefit school programs. For reservations, call Carol, 372-2872. For information, call the school at 371-9416.

WUSD retirees

The committee for planning the annual potluck for Washington Unified School District retirees has scheduled the event for March 21 at the West Sacramento VFW Hall. Phone contact will begin Feb. 23. If you would like to attend and do not get a call, phone 372-0961.

Little League

Tryouts for West Sacramento Little League will be held at Memorial Park on Feb. 7 & 14 (a late fee will apply to those who did not first register at the earlier dates). Call 396-2609 for more information.

Business help

The CSUS Center for Small Business is accepting applications for free management assistance for small businesses in the Sacramento region. Working under faculty supervision, students at the Center give advice on management-related issues with the exception of taxation, law and loan packaging. For applications, call 278-7278. For more information, call Center Director Dennis H. Tootelian, 278-6203.

Adult Softball

The city parks department is accepting registration for adult softball leagues, with league play beginning April 5. $365 per team includes 12 games plus playoffs. Men's, Women's, Coed and Corporate divisions are available. Deadline is March 12. Call 617-4620.

Teen basketball

Registration for teen basketball is being accepted by the city parks department. Open to teens age 13-17, the league begins March 27, with Saturday games. Player evaluation/draft is scheduled for Sat., March 13 at Golden State Middle School's gym. $45 per player includes jersey & eight games. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

Nursery school

James Marshall Parent Nursery School is enrolling children for the afternoon class. Children must be 2 years, nine months old or older and toilet-trained. School time is 12:45-3:15 p.m. Non-profit school with 50 years experience. Call 371-0405.

Free dental for kids

A free special cleaning and fluoride treatment clinic for low income or special-needs children will be held on Sat., Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CommuniCare Health Centers in Davis at 2040 Sutter Place. Volunteer dentists and hygienists will staff the clinic. Most private dental insurance plans are accepted. No payment is required, but the clinic will bill your insurance carrier if you have one. Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs are accepted. For more information or to sign up, call Margie Armstrong, (530) 758-1510, ext. 1301.

Kindergarten

Our Lady of Grace School will hold registration for 2004-05 kindergartners on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Bring a birth certificate, baptism certificate (if applicable), health/immunization records and a $250 registration fee. Children must be five years old by Sept. 1. Call 371-9416 for information.

Suicide prevention

The Suicide Prevention Crisis Line is accepting applications for volunteer service on the crisis line. Training is provided. Call (530) 756-7542 for more information. Training begins Feb. 17.

Smorgasbord

The Clarksburg fellowship, a support group for the Clarksburg Community Church, will serve up a smorgasbord on Thurs., Feb. 19, from 5-7 p.m. at the church, 52910 Netherlands Ave. in Clarksburg. The meal will include everything from Dutch meatballs to cakes, all prepared by local cooks. Proceeds will go to local and international charities. For more information, call (916) 744-1206.

Living with pain

"Learning to live well with chronic pain" is the topic for the February meetings of the West Sacramento Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group. Anyone coping with pain is invited to attend the 10 a.m. meeting on Wed., Feb. 11 in Room 4 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. For more information, call Martha Chandley, 371-1125.

Quit tobacco

The Yolo County Health Department is offering free assistance for those planning to quit smoking or other use of tobacco. Meet Feb. 25 or March 24 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the county Dept. of Social Services Fair Hearings room, 500 Jefferson Blvd., Building A in West Sacramento. Or meet Feb. 17 or March 17 at the library branch at 1212 Merkley Ave. from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call (916) 375-6380 ext. 4165 for more information.

Senior programs

The West Sacramento Senior Center is looking for "caring callers" to make friendly regular calls to senior clients.

The center's diabetes club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

And the widowed support group meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. For information, call Vi Taylor, 373-5819.

Fish Fry

Elks Lodge #2529 plans a fish fry dinner for 6-8:30 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 7. All you can eat for $10; kids 12 and under $4. For tickets, call 372-2980 or 372-3057.

Veterans wanted

West Sacramento's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 at 905 Drever Street invites military veterans to join. Any vet with an honorable discharge who served overseas in a hostile zone or received a medal for such service may be eligible. For more information, call Hugh King, 371-7245.

Outstanding women

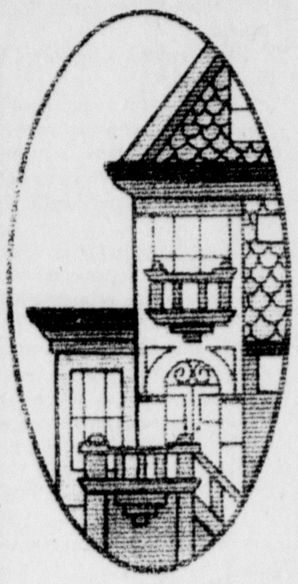
West Sacramento's chapter of Soroptimist International seeks to honor community members and provide help. The VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD honors young women age 14-17 for volunteer action in making the community a better place. MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN honors a woman who has made her community a better place through activities spanning at least 10 years. WOMEN OF DISTINCTION honors women who serve through community organizations. To nominate someone, contact Soroptimist International, PO Box 94, West Sacramento, CA 95691, or call 371-7678 for information.

The club also offers a "Women's Opportunity Awards" program, giving cash grants to women seeking to improve their employment status through education or skill development. The grants target women who are family breadwinners. Call 371-7678.

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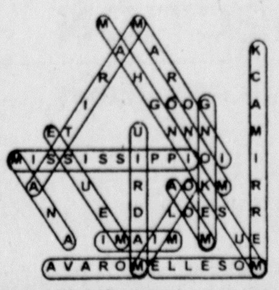
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Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Dale Murphy (740 games) and Joe Carter (507).
2. Fernando Valenzuela and Alex Trevino of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1987.
3. Two — Nebraska's Eric Crouch in 2001 and Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in 1999.
4. The Boston Celtics in 1968 against Philadelphia.
5. The Columbus Blue Jackets and Minnesota Wild.
6. Jeff Gordon and Cale Yarborough.
7. Juan Carlos Ferrero.



Differences: 1. Girl has a ponytail. 2. Shirt has a stripe. 3. Chair is different. 4. Coffee pot is different. 5. Cabinet is missing. 6. Box on counter is different.

